

Dear Students,

Due to high volume of student approaches for study projects and due to the versatility of the background of admitted students, a revised set of criteria have been conceived for selection of students for study projects (especially for ones with high demand). Also, (1) in order to observe the academic performance of the students in the first semester, (2) to give students some time to navigate the course structure and get accustomed to the educational system, and (3) to give students time to gain knowledge in their interested study project titles, applications are encouraged after 4 months' time (after the grades of the first semester are out).

The criteria, in the order of hierarchy of priorities is as follows:

- **Criteria 1:** *Academic performance, especially in the core modules that would be important for the particular project at hand.*
- **Criteria 2:** *Initiative from the students' side to go through the references outlined in the PDFs of the study project (of their interest) and to understand the state-of-the-art of that particular topic, which will be tested via an oral QnA from PhD students after the student's application.*
- **Criteria 3:** *Relevant previous experience in that particular field.*

It is to be noted that amongst the received applications (after the call for applications), **criteria 1 (academic performance) will outweigh all the other criteria and only in case of comparable academic performance/ grades amongst applicants, will criteria 2 and 3 be considered.** The selection method has been adopted to remain unbiased, not related to their past work/ study project experience and to give all students an opportunity to compete for their desired study projects. This includes the students who have already been interviewed are requested to re-apply after the grades of semester 1 are out.

Study project details are listed in the following link (Applying to PhD students for the study projects is only possible with the first semester's grade sheet):

<https://www.b-tu.de/en/fg-flug-triebwerksdesign/vacancies/study-project>

It is to be noted that students who get involved in study projects will get (1) further opportunities of joint publications with PhD students on their respective topics, (2) possible HiWi, Hilfskraft Wissenschaftlicher, paid student assistant positions, (3) exposure to opportunities in industry, and (4) possible opportunity of supervision, or co-supervision on master thesis by the PhD student.

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